

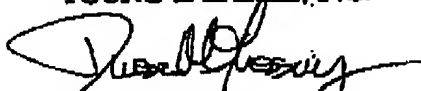
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submitted that the Applicants' invention as set forth in claims 1-19 is in a condition suitable for allowance. Notice of allowance is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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